(c) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A committee has been appointed to look into the representations.

Organisation set up of RDSO

2384. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some changes in organisational and administrative structure and status of the Research Design and Standards Organisation of the Railways is contemplated;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with the benefits therefrom; and

(c) what is the effect of the proposed change on the service conditions of staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to give more flexibility and powers to Director General, Research Designs and Standards Organisation to enable the modernisation efforts on Indian Railways to be speeded up.

(c) The service conditions of staff will not be adversely affected by the proposed changes.

Singing of National Anthem in the Schools

2385. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are schools in the country where National Anthem is not sung daily while other hymns are sung; and

(b) if so, what measures are being contemplated to make the singing of National Anthem in schools mandatory and to ensure its compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The policy of the Government on singing of National Anthem is that there should be community singing of the National Anthem in all schools daily. The Government have been informed that some school children in Kerala had refused to sing the National Anthem. The State Government have registered a case against one of the parents, who had pleaded for exemption of these students from singing of the National Anthem, under the Prevention of insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

Family welfare insurance and old age security scheme

2386. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to introduce Family Welfare Insurance Scheme and Old Age Social Security Scheme to promote small family norms in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have not formulated any proposal to introduce Family Welfare Insurance Scheme and Old Age Social Security Scheme to promote small family norms.